

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) An absorbent article having a front body side and a back body side formed by folding at the longitudinal middle point of the main body of the article having an absorbent inserted between a liquid-permeable top sheet on the body side and a back sheet on the outside, the absorbent article having a fastening sticker to be used for its disposal, etc., characterized in that the fastening sticker is formed from a disposable sheet attached to the outer surface of the article, such as a sheet-like member capable of being re-stuck to and re-peeled off from the outer surface of the back sheet and separable completely from the main body of the article.
2. (original) An absorbent article as set forth in claim 1, characterized in that the fastening sticker is fastened to the front or back body side.
3. (currently amended) An absorbent article as set forth in claim 1[[or 2]], characterized in that the fastening sticker has a design on its surface.
4. (original) An absorbent article as set forth in claim 3, characterized in that the design is aiming the intellectual education of an infant.

5. (currently amended) An absorbent article as set forth in claim 3[[or 4]], characterized in that the design of the fastening sticker is relating to the pattern of a design on the outer surface of the main body of the article.

6. (currently amended) An absorbent article as set forth in ~~any of claims 3 to 5~~ claim 3, characterized in that a part of the fastening sticker on which the design is drawn or any other portion thereof is separable from the base portion of the sticker along perforations.

7. (currently amended) An absorbent article as set forth in ~~any of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, characterized in that the fastening sticker has a stretchable sheet material in its middle portion and that the sheet-like member capable of being re-stuck and re-peeled off and separable completely from the main body of the article is connected to opposite end portions of the stretchable sheet material.

8. (currently amended) An absorbent article as set forth in ~~any of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, characterized by having a plurality of such fastening stickers.

9. (currently amended) An absorbent article as set forth in ~~any of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1, characterized in that the fastening sticker is attached to or enclosed in a product package for the absorbent article.